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"Help, Help! Let up on Taxes!" is the heading for an extended editorial in a recent issue of the Los Angeles Times. And this, in all probability, is the first suggestion, or confession that has ever come from a California newspaper to the effect that life is at all burdensome in any way in that wonderful commonwealth. It also hints at "hard times" in Los Angeles for when boom times, or good ones, are on the carpet, taxes are among the last things that anybody thinks about.

With the football coaches getting ready for business, matters are now about in shape for the fall opening of the higher educational institutions.

All of Texas that the Mexican bandits will be able to annex could be readily placed in the cavity of a small tooth.

Those who were insisting that the European war could not possibly be of lengthy duration because of the financial "impossibilities" involved, also seem to have another guess coming. Germany's powers-that-be have just voted another mere bagatelle of money, only two billion dollars this time, to meet their war expenses for the remainder of this year.

Pointed out by the Chicago Herald: Seven out of eight nations have agreed on a definite plan to quiet Mexico. The eighth nation is Mexico.

Of course, it is essential that the governmental authorities give much thought to the question of providing the nation with an adequate defense, but a more important need in the premises is a little action.

Neither must it be forgotten that there are wars within the war in Europe. For example, while Italy is pretty well up to her neck in the major contest she is not yet in the war with Turkey. But the Italians and the Turks are making such furious faces at each other right now, that they are likely to declare war against each other at any time, and this, notwithstanding the fact, that both of them already have their hands full.

Maybe these reports about the cancellation of big orders for American wheat from divers of the European belligerents comprise merely a trick of the wheat speculators to force down the price of wheat to the producers. This happens to be the time, you know, when many of the wheat farmers are about ready to haul their this year's wheat to market.

Villa's willingness to join a movement to establish peace in Mexico may also indicate he has reached the conclusion that he is near the end of his rope.

Another bunch of prophets who should retire permanently to the tall grass are those who were predicting during the late winter and early spring that the country's peach crop was doomed for a sorry failure. Does anybody ever predict anything that comes to pass, excepting the geniuses of the weather bureau, of course.

SCIENTIFIC JUDICIAL SYSTEM.

There are many able lawyers, states Thomas W. Shelton of the Norfolk (Va.) bar in the August Case and Comment, who still cling to the common-law procedure of England because they vainly hope to mitigate with patchwork statutes its conceded imperfections in both principle and operation. The Code pleader, horrified by the multiplication of minute, inconsistent, and inelastic statutory regulations of the courts, takes exactly the opposite view, and suggests that the legislature may sometime stop adding to it. So it is seen that one group wants to continue legislation, while the other group wants to stop it. Manifestly their destiny is exactly the same.

—a vast crazy-quilt patchwork of unrelated, rigid statutes that tie the hands of the judge, that set the lawyer against him, and that thwart instead of facilitate justice. Virginia, the mother of common-law procedure modified by statute, and New York, the mother of code pleading, wholly made by statute, have both unanimously renounced and denounced their evil offspring, and are arranging to authorize their respective supreme courts to prepare and to put into effect and to improve from time to time a complete, correlated, scientific system of rules for the regulation of trial courts.

Evidently the Germans have the idea that the driving on the road to Petrograd is fine. But serious things have happened in times past to invaders who have chased the Russian bear too close to his lair.

MAYBE SO.

In an editorial under the caption, "Considering Peace," the Chicago Tribune says, in an evident attempt to analyze the principal cause of refusal of the European war, "The cosmic conspiracy may be content with attributing the debate to the sex impulse which can set the baryard in a flurry of feathers, or to modern nerves which break under tension, or to the natural and inherent provocativeness and belligerency of animalism from which humans are not exempt." However, the Tribune is kind enough to announce a little later on in the same article that "the rhetoric of the war is over. So the offense probably will be repeated, and, for which there is much thanksgiving, undoubtedly, among the Tribune's fans.

Nor is old man Carranza without a sense of rare humor, as is indicated by his suggestion that the United States tackle a real job and concern itself with the pacification of Europe.

A BOOMERANG, POSSIBLY.

Some of the enthusiasm in this section of the country over refusal of the interstate commerce commission to grant the western railroads the increases they asked for in grain, live stock and other rates, might possibly be misplaced. If the operations of the railroads should not be sufficiently profitable to permit them to improve and extend their lines and facilities, the cost to the people in the territory they tap would be far more burdensome than would be the increases in rates that they sought.

No wonder the Kansas "blue sky" law is held in light esteem in certain quarters that it is needless to specify. An estimate has it that under the workings of this law the annual losses of Kansas "easy marks" have fallen from \$4,000,000 to \$100,000.

IT'S LEGAL, BUT IS IT RIGHT?

According to Attorney General Brewster, Supreme Court Justice Dawson has a legal right to the rather magnificent fee given to him while he was attorney general by the receivers of the Kansas Natural Gas company. Mr. Brewster points out that this fee went to Mr. Dawson for services he rendered as a lawyer, not as the state's attorney general, to the gas company's receivership. But it will probably continue to strike most folk as unusual that it was proper for Justice Dawson to serve two masters at one and the same time. It isn't at all likely that the interests of the receivers of the gas company and the interests of the people of Kansas who were employing Mr. Dawson, as their attorney general, were identical. Indeed, in the very nature of things it is reasonable to suppose that they were antagonistic. It is regrettable, while this important matter is occupying so much attention, that Mr. Dawson is absent from the state and not at hand to present his side of the case.

If Great Britain gets the million head of beef cattle that she is said to want from the United States, what a perfectly grand excuse it will be for the American packers to boost the price of porterhouse steak for home consumption to four dollars a pound, or thereabouts.

INSULTING WAR'S WOMEN AGAIN.

More bunc of the "war-baby" fake variety. A granddaughter of Brigham Young has disclosed a "war-secret" to a San Francisco newspaper interviewer. It is that the women of Europe are ready to practice polygamy as a means of repopulating that region after the war is over. She says that the European women say that they will prefer this condition to spinstership. But the probabilities are that she is talking through her hat and merely giving a loose rein to a vivid imagination.

Russia may be exacting a heavy toll on her German invaders, but the advice from Petrograd declare, but Germany is evidently able to pay the bill without any serious inconvenience.

IS TO KNOW ALL TO FORGIVE ALL?

In the September Woman's Home Companion Mary Raymond Shipman Andrews, writing a love story entitled "Vaughn Martin, Miser," makes the following thought-provoking comment on forgiveness: "There is a French proverb which tells us that to know everything is to forgive everything: 'Tout savoir, c'est tout pardonner.' 'Tout savor, c'est tout pardonner.' A few people realize it. A few gracious souls look for the lights and explain away the shadows; most of us judge and condemn a dozen times a day. There are cables of heredity which drag the kicking and struggling soul; there are undertows of psychological make-up, sweeping along the man who does not know that he is swept; there are secret tragedies which have come to be commonplace to the actors of them. They women who are cheerful citizens are more likely to be a sign of courageous dignity than of unmitigated good luck; it is probable that everybody has a sore spot and something to whine about, if whining seemed fitting. Therefore it is well to remember—and a thing always forgot-

ten, that if one could get the plot of the intricate workings by reason of which unpleasant people are not angels of light, we should probably at once forgive everybody everything. But it is all as tangled as the monetary system, and only a few strong and gentle ones remember. 'Tout savor, c'est tout pardonner.' Even more likely is it that to know everything is to find that there is nothing to forgive. But the proverb is not likely to be a present help in time of trouble; when you come to think of it, no proverb is.

### Journal Entries

Your own faults look as big to the other man as his do to you.

The high cost of living is undoubtedly a big boon for many a stomach.

A man disposed to be fair also stands a chance of getting the worst of it.

If many folks had the chances of living their lives over again they'd likely do worse.

In the eyes of mercenary men, the girl possessed of much money probably has the most attractive figure.

### Jayhawker Jots

A reflection in the Kensington Mirror: Few men live long enough to discover how much their friends appreciate them.

According to the Pittsburgh Headlight, the average girl is never satisfied. She isn't happy till some fellow comes along and makes her miserable.

An optimist, explains the Havensville Review's "Man About Town," is one who won't believe there is a core in an apple until he has eaten down to it.

If more mothers, urges the Galena Times, would try keeping the flies off their babies and fewer higher culture appointments, the state would be better off.

The reason that the thin man hasn't so much fun poked at him as the fat man, explains the Columbus Advocate, is that he hasn't the good disposition to withstand it.

"The Man on the Tower" of the Hardtner Press says that gossip is more dangerous than war, and that more people are engaged in the conflict than in the European war.

Local improvement note, in the Hiawatha World: They say that a certain club in town will be able to turn out some very good poker players in the near future.

According to the Everest Enterprise, a 19-year-old boy is said to have the best wheat yield in Brown county. His name is Glen Eichelberger and he lives near Morrill. He had seven acres that yielded an average of 35 bushels an acre and 40 acres bore a 23½ bushel yield per acre. This is the young man's first year at farming on his own redoubt, his father having died last winter.

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### On the Spur of the Moment

BY ROY K. MOULTON.

Popularity.

The automobile salesman hover 'round me by the score.

And every day I find a touring car before my door.

I get a ride or two each day, and sometimes three or four.

I don't think I was ever quite so popular before.

The secret of it is explained. You see, it is my money.

My neighbor told a friend of his that he had heard me say.

That I don't think I was ever quite so popular before.

Perchance consider buying me a runabout some day.

What's Our Idea of an Optimist?

An optimist is a man who will cough \$2 for a ticket to an amateur violinist's concert.

The champion optimist is a man who secures a divorce from one sufragette to marry another.—Constant Reclam.

An optimist is a person who expects to get an 11-cent article in a 10-cent store.—Veritas.

There are many optimists, but none who equals the man who starts to raising chickens as a side line.—A. G.

An optimist is a man who can get a laugh out of a musical comedy.—Theatrical Digest.

An optimist is a man who dyes his mustache and can make himself believe he is fooling anybody.—T. A. J.

There are many optimists, but none who equals the man who stops in front of a millinery window with his wife.—A. K. J.

An optimist is a man who cheerfully puts on his Victoria when the ship is sinking.—Reader.

The Victoria.

I cannot sing the old songs; I do not need to try; it would be wasting my power when records can buy.

I entertain each evening my many neighbor folk. And out our way they're saying That sleep is but a joke.

I do not sing the old songs in voice that's apt to fail. But still I think my neighbors Would be glad if I did.

Suggestions for Editorials.

"The Effect of Movies on the Sale of Automobiles."

Wherein could be discussed the decrease in sales caused by lack of time for riding among the movie fans, and the increase in sales to moving firms that like to depict the wrecking of automobiles.

"The Result of Cold Weather on Matrimony."

In which the decrease in marriage caused by the inability of lovers whose parents object, to spoon comfortably in the snow, and the increase in sales of fur coats may be discussed.

"The Value of a Girl in an Editorial Office."

Wherein can be sized up the relative merits of an editorial staff kept from duty by frolicking with the society editor and one which loses much of its value by the presence of a feminine member.

Farewell.

He used to go to church each week. Nor missed the Sunday School; To out the services.

And never broke the rule. But something happened to this man Who'd been so good that far. He thought he'd better then— He bought a touring car.

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